

News from Ipswich.

Discovering certaine late detestable practises of some domineering Lordly Prelates, to undermine the established doctrine and discipline of our Church, extirpate all Orthodox sincere Preachers and preaching of Gods Word, usher in Popery, Superstition and Idolatry; with their late notorious purgations of the new Fast-booke, contrary to his Majesties Proclamation, and their intolerable affront therein offered to the most Illustrious Lady Elizabeth, the Kings onely Sister, and her Children, (even whiles they are now royally entertained at Court) in blotting them out of the Collect; and to his Majesty himselfe, his Queene, and their Royall Progeny, in dashing them out of the number of Gods Elect,



ZECH. 4. 10.

For who hath despised the day of small things?

JER. 23. 1.

Woe be unto the Pastors that destroy and scatter the Sheepe of my Pasture, saith the Lord.

ACTS 20. 28, 29.

Take heed therefore unto your selves, and to all the Flocke over the which the holy Ghost hath made you Bishops, to feed the Church of God, which hee hath purchased with his owne blood. For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the Flock.

MATTH. 5. 13. LUKE 14. 34.

If the salt hath lost his savor, wherewith shall it be salted? It is therefore good for nothing, neither fit for the land nor yet for the dunghill; but so be cast out and troden under foot of men.

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Christian Reader, this is the deplorable News of our present age, that our Presses formerly open onely to *Truth and Piety*, are clo-
sed up against them both of late, and patent for the most part, to
nought but *error, superstition, and prophanes*. Witness those *many pro-*
phane, erroneous, impious books; printed within these 3. yeares by autho-
rity, (pointblanke against the established doctrine of the Church of
England, and his Majesties pious *Declarations*) in defence of *Armini-*
anism, Popery, and Popish ceremonies; and which is yet more impious
and detestable, against *the very morality of the Sabbath*, and 4. *Com-*
mandment: the divine institution, title, and intire religious sanctification
of the Lords-day SABBATH, and the necessity of frequent preaching,
(exceedingly pressed in our *Homilies, and book of Ordination*) which
some of our unpreaching, domineering secular Prelates (out of their
Arch-piety towards God, and Arch-charity to the peoples soules
which they seeke to murder,) now so far detest, that they not only
give over preaching themselves, as no part of their function; & sup-
presse most weekday Lectures in divers Countries; but have likewise
lately shut up the mouthes of sundry of our most godly, powerfull,
painefull Preachers, (who have wooon more soules to God in a yeare,
than all the *Twelve Bishops* in England or the world have done in di-
vers ages) out of mere malice to religion, and the peoples salvation; con-
trary to the very Lawes of God and the Realme; and strictly prohi-
bited, under paine of suspension, in sundry Diocesse, all afternoone
Sermons on the Lords own Day; that so the prophane vulgar might
have more time to *dance, play, revell, drinke, and prophane Gods Sab-*
baths, even in these dayes of plague and pestilence, & to draw downe
more plagues & judgements on us, for this sin of Sabbath-breaking, when
as not onely the *Synod of Dort*, but *sundry Popish Synods and Bishops*
have bin so religious, as to prescribe *TWO SERMONS* every Lords-
day at least, in every parish Church, to keepe the people from such prophane-
sons of this sacred Day. Alas what could *Belzebub the Prince of*
Devils, had hee beene an Archbishop or Lordly Prelate here in Eng-
land, (as there were many *Diavels Bishops, at least, Bishops Devils, in*
Bernards age, and most feare there are too many now,) have done

the life of King Iac. *Preface to them, Of the right use of the Church.* * Exhortation to those that are to
be made Ministers. *Sp. Latimers* 2. 4. 5. 6. *Sermons before King Edward, and his Sermon of the Plough.*
1. Neh. 1. 3. 17. 18. *Levit.* 26. 46. to 55. *Ier.* 17. 17. *Ezech.* 20. 13. to 22. the Fastbooke 1. *Iacobi* &
Caroli, and the examples of Gods judgements upon Sabbath-breakers. * *S. Ilio* 14. *Apud*
Bochel. Decreta Eccles. Gal. 1. 1. Tit. 3. 4. 10. 11. 18. 16. 17. 18. 37. 52. & 1. 4. Tit. 7. c. 26. * *Matth*
22. 24. *Sermo* 33. in Cant. & in Concil. Rhemenf.

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even in the Summer season, when the infection was more contagious
 and raging than now. By which device they have not only made this
 fast distastfull to all **sorts* of men in infected places, who have little
 heart unto it, robbed the poore of much charitable reliefe, and depri-
 ved the people of the spiritual food & Physick of these soules, when
 they need and desire it most, to their intolerable griefe & discontent,
 but quite suppressed all settled Wednesday Lectures in London and
 other infected Townes, as long as the infection shall continue in any
 one parish, though it should last these 7. yeares (the thing they prin-
 cipally aimed at:) forced many Ministers & **people* to flee out of infe-
 cted places into the Country, to keep their flocks where there is prea-
 ching; brought in a *2* famine of Gods Word, the greatest plague of all o-
 thers, to the increasing & further spreading of the present pestilence,
 & drawing downe of Gods wrath upon us *2* the worst, by inhibiting
 Ministers in the time of greatest need, so preach unto the people that they
 may be saved. O heavens stand amazed at this unparallelled practise of
 impious popish Prelats! But is this all? No verily. For whereas his
 Majesty commanded, that the booke of Common prayer for the fast, for-
 merly set forth by his authority upon the like occasion should be reprinted;
 these Romish Inquisitors have miserably gelded it, after it was new
 printed, in sundry particulars. First, they have purged out the prayer
 for *seasonable weather*; one cause of the shipwracks, & tempestuous un-
 seasonable weather ever since its publication. Secondly, they have da-
 shed *the Lady Elizabeth and her children, in the old Collect*, quite out
 of the new; as they have expunged both them, with our gracious
 King, Queene, and their children out of the catalogue of Gods elect,
 by blotting out this clause (*who art the father of thine elect and of their
 seed*) out of the *Collect* for them, in this and all *new Common prayer
 right use of booke*, as if they were all reprobates, & none of the number of Gods
 elect, either to a temporall or an eternall crowne. O intolerable
 impiety, affront, and horrid Treason! Thirdly, they have left
 out this *Collect: It had bene best for us, &c.* in the new booke, (though
 the most effectuall prayer of all) because it magnifies *continual, of-
 ten preaching of Gods Word, and the Scriptures*, and calls our powerfull
 Preachers, Gods servants. A tie these Prelates have conspired toge-
 ther like so many execrable Traytors, to extirpate our frequent pow-
 erfull Preachers, and continuall preaching of Gods Word. (as they have
 done in many places of late) though prescribed by God himselfe & our
 Homilies. Fourthly, they have dashed this remarkable clause out of
 the first *Collect. Thou hast delivered us from superstition and idolatry*
 (two grand causes both of many former, and our present plagues no
 doubt,)

doubt) wherein we were utterly drowned, & hast brought us into the most
 cleare and comfortable light of thy blessed Word; by which we are taught
 how to serve and honor thee; and how to live orderly with our neighbours
 in truth and verity: the rest of the Collect remaining as before. Now
 what can be the cause of this strange purgation; but a resolved pro-
 fessed conspiracy of these Romish Prelates, even now againe utterly
 to drown us in *popish superstition and idolatry (which have now drown-
 ed us in Gods judgements, by their stupendious late increase among
 us) and to remove us out of the most cleare and comfortable light of Gods
 Word, by the which we are taught how to serve and honour him (the true
 cause why they now suppress Lectures, preaching, and suspend our
 powerfulllest Preachers every where,) that so we may waike on in Ro-
 mish hellish darknes, serving and honouring the Pope and Divell in
 stead of God, and live in all disorder, without truth or verity. Fifty, in
 the 6. order for the fast, they have pared away this passage. To avoide
 the inconvenience that may grow by the abuse of fasting: Some esteeming
 it a meritorious worke, others a good worke, and of it scarse acceptable to
 God without due regard of the end; Only to gratifie the Papists, whose
 doctrine this is, and to place some merit in this present fast:) adding
 this clause to it; in places where Sermons are allowed by the Proclamati-
 on; of purpose to put downe Wednesday Lectures, and preaching in
 London and other places where any parish is infected. If these Prelats
 then be thus desperately wicked and popish, as to take advantage of
 Gods judgements to suppress the preaching and Preachers of his
 Word when it is most necessary and usefull, and to countenance, ju-
 stifie, and set up Popery, superstition, idolatry, error and disorder (the
 chiefe causes of our plagues) even in these dayes of pestilence, & that
 in the very Fastbooke, to abuse and mock God to his face, to dishonor
 his Majesty, and grieve his peoples soules; how transcendently impi-
 ous & popish wil they prove, when God shal stay this plague, if they
 bee not now deservedly punished for these their notorious impie-
 ties? And is it not high time then for his Majesty to hang up such
 Archtraytors to our faith, Church, religion, & such truebred sons to
 the Roman Antichrist, (from whom Dr. Pocklington bolts they are li-
 neally descended) & to execute judgement on them for these strange
 purgations, & other their Romish Innovations, whereat the whole
 Kingdome grieves; which breed a general feare of a sudden altera-
 tion of our religio? Certainly til his Majesty shal see these purgations
 rectified, superstition & idolatry removed, Gods Sabbaths duly sancti-
 fied, the suppressed Preachers & preaching of Gods word restored,

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* Job 13 9
 Gal. 6. 7.
 1 Sunday no
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 * The honor
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 2 Chron.
 17. 7, 8, 9,
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hang up some of these Romish Prelates & Inquisitors before the Lord,
 as the ^k Gibeonites once did the 7. sons of Saul, we can never hope to a-
 bare any of Gods plagues, or draw down any of his blessings on us by
 1 such a fast, and Fastbook as this, but augment his plagues and judge-
 ments more and more, which have strangely increased since this fast
 begun, contrary to al human reason and probability. whereas it much
 decreased before; the total number dying of the plague the week be-
 fore the fast, being but 458. & 58 parishes infected, and the very first
 weeke of the fast 838. (treble the number the 2. last greatest plagues)
 & 67. parishes infected, Cambridge, Norwich, Hampton, Bath, & other
 eminent places cleare before, being likewise visited since this fast be-
 gun; a cleare evidence, that God is much offended with these purga-
 tions, & the restraint of preaching on the fastday, against which some
 Prelats are so mad, that they have silenced & persecuted divers Mini-
 sters since the fast proclaimed, there being now so many suspended in
 our Norwich Diocesse, only for not yetlding to popish innovations, that
 in sundry Churches they have neither prayers, preaching, nor fasting:
 which hath brought the plague among them, and made the people at
 their wits ends, many Ministers & people here having left the King-
 dome, and thousands more being ready to depart the Land, there be-
 ing never such a persecution or havock made among Gods Ministers,
 since Q. Marias daies, as a lecherous proud insolent Prelate hath here
 lately made against all Lawes of God and man, to the astonishment
 of the whole Realme. What then can wee expect but plagues upon
 plagues, till such desperate persecutors be cut off, & Gods Word and
 Ministers restored unto their former liberty, by our most gracious So-
 veraigne, persecution of Gods Ministers and people being one chiefeⁿ cause
 of plagues; Wherefore O England, England, if ever thou wilt be
 free from pests and judgements, take notice of these thy Antichri-
 stian Prelates desperate practises innovations, & popish designs, to
 bewaile oppose, redresse them with all thy force and power: O all
 ye English Nobles, Courtiers and others, who have any love or spark
 of religion, piety, zeale, any tendernes of his Majesties honour, or care
 for the peoples, the Church, or Kingdoms safety yet remaining with
 in your generous breasts, put to your helping hands & prayers to rescue
 our religion & Ministers now suspended, from the jaws of these de-
 vorringⁿ wolves, and tyrannizing Lordly Prelats (rayled from, & fit on-
 ly for the dunghil) who make havock of them both. Our most pious
 King Charles as thou hast in two severallⁿ Declarations, protested be-
 fore God to all thy loving Subjects, that thou wilt never give way to the
 licensing or authorizing of any thing, whereby ANY INNOVATION IN
 39. Articles: and of the dissolution of the Parliament, page 21. 42.

THE LEAST DEGREE may creep into our Church; nor ever connive at ANY BACKSLIDING TO POPERY; and that it is thy hearts desire to be found worthy of that title which thou esteamest the most glorious in all thy Crowne, Defender of the faith; to now behold these desperate innovations, purgations, and Romish practises of thy Prelates, in open affront of these thy *Declarations*; & now or never shew thy selfe (as we all hope, beleeve, and pray thou wilt) a Prince more worthy of this glorious Title, than any of thy royal progenitors, by rooting all Popery, superstition, idolatry, errors, innovations, out of this Church and Kingdome, by restoring the preaching, the Preachers of Gods word and purity of his worship, and *taking vengeance* on these perfidious Prelates, who have thus gelded thy faitbook, (and intend to make an *Index expurgatorius* upon all other ancient English Writers ere they be reprinted, a thing considerable,) thus openly abused thy onely sister, and her children, now present with thee; oppressed and grieved thy faithfull subjects, dishonored thy God, betrayed thy religion, increased the plague among thy people, & as much as in them lyeth, robbed thee both of thy Gods and peoples loves, & pulled thy Crowne off thy Royal head, to set it on their own trayterous ambitious pates, by exercising all ecclesiastical power, yea Papal jurisdiction over thy subjects in their own names and rights alone; and by trampling all thy lawes and Subjects liberties like Cobwebs, thy subjects like Dogs and dirt, under their tyrannical Papal feet. If thou thus execute judgment on them, restore preaching, & ease thy people from their intolerable tyranny, no doubt this plague shall be ceased, & this fast be pleasing to the Lord; else he wil not accept it, but proceed to plague us more & more. O blessed Sovereigne, that thou didst but heare the several cries & outcries of thy people against these persecuting Prelats in many places, especially in our *Normich* Diocesse, where little Pope ** Regulus* hath playd such Rex, that hee hath suspended above 60. of our sincerest painefullest conformable Ministers, both from their Office and Benefice, so as many of our Churches (as the like was never since King *Johns* dayes) are quite shut up, and Lord have mercy upon us, may be written on their dores: the people cry for the bread of their soules, and their Ministers are prohibited to give it them; This not onely wounds but breakes their hearts, and makes them quite amazed. O therefore gracious Sovereigne helpe now, and heare the petitions, cries, and teares of thy poore people, and hang up these Popelings for these and other their innumerable oppressions, extortions, innovations and harmes, who suspend, imprison, *sens.*

and

* *Contrary to the Statutes of 26 H. 8. c. 1. 37. H. 8. c. 17. 1. Ed 6 c. 2. 1. Eliz c. 1. Psal. 106 30.*

* *it signifies both a little King, a Wren, and likewise a Serpent, called a Basilisk, so called because like a tyrant he killeth men with his very*

* witness
Dr. Balf-
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case.

and ruine others for meere toyes and trifles, yea for * defending thy
foyall Prerogative against their Papall usurpations.

Marth. 21.
13.

This is all the newes I shall now impart in this Coranto, the next
weeke God-willing, you shall heare of Mr. *Dade* his excommunica-
tion of *Ferdinando Adams*, a Churchwarden in our Towne, for not
blotting out this sentence of Scripture painted on Mr. *Wards* Church
wall over his bawdy theevish Court. * *It is written my house shall be
called an house of prayer, but ye have made it a den of sheeves*; which
excommunication is of record in Starchamber; of our Bishops com-
māding. * *Wo is me if I preach not the Gospel*, to be wiped out of M. *Scotts*

* Cor 9.
16.

Church; & of the strange proceedings at *Colchester* against M. *Samuel
Burrows* for inditing Parson *Nucoman* (for rayling in the Cōmunion

* And some
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ted into the
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stice.

Table Altarwise, and causing the Communicants to come up to the
rayle to receive, in a new unaccustomed maner, contrary to the Sta-
tute of 1. *Eliz. c. 2.* and his Majesties Declarations,) which Inditement
the * Grand-Iury hath found, this last *Michaelmas* Sessions; but his
Majesty yet can get no judgement, &c. So much are the Prelates now
feared more than God or the King, or his Lawes. In the meane time, I

* Patrick
Adamson
Palinodia
p 55.

thall conclude my Newes with the words of *Patrick Adamson*, Arch-
bishop of *S. Andrewes*, in his * *Publike Recantation in the Synod of Fisse*,
April 8. 1591. *That the office of a Diocesan Bishop hath no authority
at all to support it in the Word of God; that it is only founded on the poli-
ticke devise of men; that the primacy of the Pope or Antichrist sprung from
it; that it is worthy to be condemned; and that it hath been for 500. years
and more the chiefe originall and instrument of suppressing the preaching
of Gods Word in all Kingdomes, as all Ecclesiasticall Historians testifie*

* AGs 1.
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closing up this Coranto with the Collect on *S. Matthias* day; Al-
mighty God, which in the place of the traytor (* Bishop) *Judas*, didst
chuse thy faithfull servant *Matthias*, to be of the number of the 12.
Apostles: Grant that thy Church, being alwaies preserved from false

* Not Lord-
ly Prelates.

Apostles, may be ordered and guided by faithfull and true * Pastors,
through Iesus Christ our Lord. And with the Collect on *St. Peters*
day; Almighty God, which by thy Sonne Iesus Christ hast given
to thy Apostle *St. Peter* many excellent gifts, and commanded him
earnestly to feed thy Flocke: make (wee beseech thee) all Bishops
and Pastors * diligently to preach thy holy Word, and the people o-
bediently to follow the same, that they may receive the Crowne of
everlasting glory, through Iesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

* which few
Bishops now
doe.

From Ipswich November 12. 1636.

Thine in the Lord, Matthew White.